

## Egbert Harris to Andrew Jackson, August 24, 1822, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### EGBERT HARRIS TO JACKSON.

Franklin, Alabama, August 24, 1822.

*D'r Genrall*, I have this moment receaved yours dated 16th, 19 wherin you express some dissatisfaction on the parte of my not stateing positively whether or not I had engaged a workeman, who would compleate your runing geer to the gin by the first of October. I can say to you that I stated to you the fact, I had not at that time made aney Positive engagement, But I have on the condition's of your letter made, a Positive Contract with mr John Secress who will commence the worke the first of September, and says he will have it compleate together with the Press by the fifteenth of October. The Purporte of the contract with mr Secress is this, That he will Execute the worke in the time specified provided neaver the less, that he together with his hands should not be sick all of which are at preasent in good Health, and that the worke when done he is willing It shall be if you require it, Valued by such workemen a[s] may be Judges, and be paid such prices as are custumary, the payments as stipulated in yours to me. this sir is the Postive contract with mr Secress, and me as your agent. On my Parte you will be the better Judge when you come out. to afford you satisfaction is my object. If I succeed It will afford me satisfaction, should I fail, I must submit to that cup which is near filled. My statements are Corect and can be attested by Others, I hope Sir you will recollect the pleadg that I made you of conducting your Business as though it was my Own, I shall proceed to do so as I have before. what can be will be, to the best of my skill.

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Maney of [us] have been a little unwell but I hope we have taken our share. Be so good as to Preasent my respects to Mrs Jackson.

I am yours Respectfully